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SUBJECT: VESCO CASE - TESTIMONY OF COSTA RICAN REPORTERS

REF: SAN JOSE 1031, 1094

1. LA NACION REPORTER DANILO ARIAS HAS RETURNED TO WORK
AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED AND IS NOW AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL TO
NEW YORK TO TESTIFY.

2. THE LA REPUBLICA REPORTER, WILFREDO CHACON, IS
LIKEWISE AVAILABLE, BUT AS LA REPUBLICA'S DIRECTOR,
RODRIGO MADRIGAL, WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSULTED BEFORE
AGAIN AUTHORIZING CHACON'S TRAVEL, WE WILL HOLD OFF
APPROACHING LA REPUBLICA UNTIL WE CAN TALK WITH MADRIGAL.

3. LA NACION'S DIRECTOR SAID HE AND MADRIGAL HAVE AGREED
THE TWO REPORTERS SHOULD GO TO NEW YORK TOGETHER, IF
POSSIBLE, THUS AVOIDING THE IMAGE IN COSTA RICA THAT ONE
PAPER IS PERSECUTING VESCO.

4. AS WE EXPECT MADRIGAL'S APPROVAL AFTER HIS RETURN
WILL BE ROUTINE, THE TWO REPORTERS MAY BE ABLE TO TRAVEL
DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT THE SEC TO DETERMINE IF
THIS TIMEFRAME IS SATISFACTORY.

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